

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 23, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1-26 have been amended. Claims 1-26 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-17, 20, 25, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin in view of Stinebruner. Claims 5, 8, 18, 19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin in view of Stinebruner in further view of Youman. Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin in view of Stinebruner in further view of Kawamura.

Applicants respectfully assert that none of the cited references teach or suggest the following limitations now recited in independent Claims 1, 13, and 26:

such that the displayed program guide visually includes at least the menu icon and titles of a plurality of programs that are capable of being accessed from the external device by a viewer upon selection of the displayed menu icon, the menu icon and the titles both being displayed in a non-overlapping manner with respect to any other content, the menu icon itself having an absence of information for display relating to any communication channels, the titles of the plurality of programs being included in the received program guide information for display.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 13, and 26 are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited references for at least the reasons set forth above.

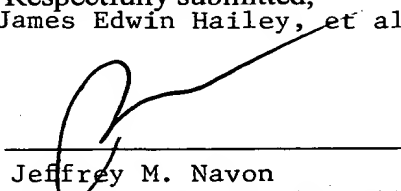
Claims 2-12 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 1 and, thus, include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Claims 14-25 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 13 and, thus, include all of the limitations of Claim 13. Accordingly, Claims 2-12 and 14-25 are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited references for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to Claims 1 and 13, respectively.

Thus, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of October 23, 2003 be withdrawn, that pending claims 1-26 be allowed, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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